

5 April 2020

Palm Sunday

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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NO MASSES OR CONFESSION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Church is closed to the public until further notice per the Governor's order

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 562-431-0721, EXT 13 MESSAGES CHECKED DAILY

HOLY WEEKS GROWING UP

Growing up, my family observed Holy Week faithfully. We would get palms at Mass on Palm Sunday. When we got home, a palm frond would be attached to each of the crucifixes we had in the house and the frond from the previous year was burned in the bar-be-que.

I don't remember going to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday; I am sure I would have remembered since there would have been twelve men getting their feet washed in church. But we always went to Good Friday services, which were configured to last three hours, in honor of the three hours that Jesus supposedly hung on the cross. However, according to Mark's gospel, Jesus was crucified at the *third hour*, which was around 9:00 AM, and hung on the cross until the *ninth hour*, which would have been about three in the afternoon. (Thank goodness, no one read Mark's gospel that closely then. For a kid, three hours was more than long enough; I would not have lasted for six.) It consisted on the reading of the Passion according to St. John (chanted in Latin by the three priests), then the veneration of the cross, then a communion service. Then there were the Stations of the Cross; at each one, the priest would start by saying, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you." To which we the people would respond, "Because by thy holy cross, you have redeemed the world." Then we would kneel down in silence for awhile. Then the priest would do a reading and say a prayer having to do with the meaning the particular station and then move to the next.

Back in the days of the Emperor Constantine, his mother, Helena, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to visit the sites where Jesus ministered, particularly where he died and rose. She is credited with finding the relics of the true cross. Very few had the time or the resources to follow her example so the Franciscans, particularly Saint Leonard of Porto Maurizio in Italy, established what we now know as the 14 Stations of the Cross. During his long life as a missionary, Saint Leonard erected more than 570 Stations of the Cross.

When we got home from church on Good Friday we could eat a bun with a white cross in icing affixed to

the top with a red dot in the middle of the cross. We only ever ate this on Good Friday. Then at dinner we would always have oyster stew, which was more of a soup with oysters in it. This too we only ate on Good Friday.

My recollection of Holy Saturday was that it was a day of quiet. Later, when I was in the seminary, I read the ancient anonymous homily that stated, "Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep." I remember that our job as a family that day was to clean our house in preparation for Easter Sunday. Depending on everyone's energy level, it could be something as grand as a "Spring Cleaning" with window washing and floor mopping or as simple as sweeping and vacuuming. My mother gave out the marching orders.

On Easter morning, the first thing to do was go to Mass, which we did early because we were starving. When we got home, around the house and in the yard we would discover baskets with chocolate and other candy with hard boiled eggs that had been colored laying triumphantly on a bed of green straw. Somehow my father knew how many baskets there were so, if we missed one, he would say, "I bet there is one more basket. Keep looking." When all had been found, my mother would do some maneuvering so that each of us had about the same amount of delights. My favorite was a milk chocolate in the form of a rabbit. (The cheap ones were empty on the inside but the really good ones were solid chocolate. Mmmmm.) If memory serves me, we usually had a baked ham for Easter dinner with canned pineapple slices on top of it. When it came into fashion, we'd buy a honey-baked ham that had been carved thinly right up to the bone. My mother would spend the rest of Easter week using the ham to make ham and beans, ham hash, and, at breakfast ham and eggs, at lunch ham sandwiches. By the next Saturday we were begging for hamburgers or hot dogs, anything but ham. During Holy Week what went on at home was as important as what happened at church. Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

JOIN US FOR MASS

VIA LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE

Mass can be livestreamed from stannesealbeach.org at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday until the church reopens. It can also be viewed on St. Anne's public Facebook page. Blessed Palms will be available at the side entrance of the church after 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5th. Please touch only the Palms you plan to take and keep in mind social distancing yourself from others who wish to pick them up.

ARE YOU MISSING INFORMATION

In an effort to communicate with you all during this time we have added phone/text communications. Emails are done through Constant Contact. If you have not received a text, phone call or email in the past week please call the church office and leave your information so we may update your records in our database allowing us to connect with you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting TBD. For additional information, please contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

Pray the Rosary asking for God's Grace and Protection during these uncertain times. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 27th. 6:30pm Social. 7:00pm Meeting. Please refer to the bulletin for any cancellations.

MEMBERSHIP

For membership information, please go to the St. Anne website at stannesealbeach.org. For more information, please call Jolinda Mailangi (714) 655-6348.

PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL

GOAL: \$65,000 TO DATE: \$78,750

Thanks to all who have made pledges to date. This represents 112 of our 900 families.



OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

The Church has been closed to the public per the Governor's order. Bishop Vann has dispensed parishioners from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. A decision about when the Church will reopen to the public and Masses will resume will be made in coordination with state and local authorities.

UPDATE: DIOCESE OF ORANGE RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

From the of the Office of Communications:

As a community of faith, let us hold one another in prayer during this challenging time.

The Cathedral will livestream daily Mass in English at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday in English at 9:45 a.m. at facebook.com/christcathedralca. St. Edward the Confessor livestreams daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. from Monday through Saturday and on Sunday at 9 a.m. at <http://stedward.com/stedcast/>.



As a reminder, for the latest updates on COVID-19, please refer your parishioners and staff to <https://www.rcbo.org/covid-19updates/>

Dynamic Faith

MASS RESOURCES

Daily Readings in English and Spanish from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm?utm_source=googleadwords&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=catholicbible&utm_campaign=NABRE

Prayers, readings for Mass, and additional spiritual readings are available at: Magnificat publication, a spiritual guide that includes daily Mass: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

"Give Us This Day" a digital file of their periodical, which includes daily Mass texts. Visit GUTD.net and select "Digital" in the upper right of the screen.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

LAUDATO SI'

Help the dwindling bee population and put up a bee hotel! Hang it anywhere in your yard that is protected from strong winds and gets significant sun exposure, and watch these tiny creatures go to work!

CRS RICE BOWL

Since the Church is closed, you may send in your Rice Bowl donations via check payable to St. Anne Catholic Church with a memo for Rice Bowl to 340 10th Street, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

CENSUS 2020

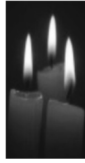
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As Catholics we affirm the inherent, divinely given dignity of every person. In answering the Census and encouraging our neighbors to do so too, we declare that "everyone counts" and that no one should be excluded from critical funding and political representation that everyone deserves. We urge all people to be counted in the Census...Our society, rooted in strength of the family, cannot risk missing the opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed.

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."
– St. Teresa of Avila

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

4/6 †Anthony McWeeney
 4/7 William & Dolores Parsch
 70th Wedding Anniversary
 4/8 †Thomas Lee McCormack
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



Your Mass intentions are being said during the priests private celebration of Mass each day.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Kathy Purcell, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely, Linda Bolt, Jackie Chambers, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Pat Clustka, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, Abilio Hernandez, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Bob Dutro and Nick Williams.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are held once a month on a Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: For information about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email faith_formation@stannesealbeach.org.

Confirmation: For information about our Youth Ministry programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 15 or email ym@stannesealbeach.org.

Marriage: An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least six months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral: Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care: If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.